Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents Staunton VA

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE 05/17/11

Present: Susan Richardson, LHRC Chair

Deborah Atno-Shelton, LHRC Secretary Mark Seymour, DBHDS/Advocate Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Jim Rankin, Affiliate: NCG, Inc., -Staunton/H'burg

Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*Lora Cantwell, *Affiliate: Fam. Educ. Svcs.*Melissa Mitchell, *Affiliate: VHBC & VSS*Bonnie Lungren, *Affiliate: League of Ther. - C'ville*

Greg Czyszczon, Affiliate: Crossroads Counseling

Jim Strock, LHRC Vice Chair Jennifer Hatter, LHRC Member Joe Tuell, CCCA Facility Director

Laura Ogden, Affiliate: Specialized Youth Svcs.

Nancy Armstrong, Affiliate: VSDB

Kathleen Toms, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.-Louisa* JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Svcs.*

Wendy Little, Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs.

Dana Woods-Allen, Affiliate: League of Ther. -H'burg

Prospective Program(s) for Affiliation: Bonnie Lungren, League of Therapists-Louisa

Dana Woods-Allen, League of Therapists-H'burg Kathleen Toms, Intercept Youth Svc.-Lexington

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: Deborgh Atno Shelton Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
Call to Order; Review of Minutes	Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. General: Affiliated Programs	2. General: Affiliated Programs
3. Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
CCCA Facility Director's Report	CCCA Facility Director's Report
5. Adjourn	5. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 07/19/2011@ 6:00pm.

1. Susan Richardson-Chair called the meeting to order with round table introductions of all present and a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 03/15/11.

Action: The motion was made and seconded that the CCCA LHRC minutes of 03/15/11 be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Requests for Program Affiliation:

a. Bonnie Lungren, Affiliate: League of Therapists-Charlottesville and Dana Woods-Allen, Affiliate: League of Therapists-Harrisonburg presented affiliation requests for a service program in Louisa and expansion of the August Co. services to include Therapeutic Day Treatment. Also presented was a request for expansion of the Harrisonburg program to provide Mental Health Support Services. Mark Seymour-DBHDS Advocate noted that the programs were currently affiliated and in good standing with no changes to the human rights policies of the programs noted.

Action: The motions were made and seconded. The CCCA LHRC approved the requests as presented for the affiliation of Louisa League of Therapists and programs expanded under the Augusta League of Therapists, the Charlottesville League of Therapists, and the Harrisonburg League of Therapists.

b. Jim Rankin, *Affiliate: NCG, Inc,.-Staunton/H'burg* reported that NCG, Inc. was seeking expansion of the current program in the Rockingham Co. area and requested affiliation for Therapeutic Day Treatment. Mr. Seymour supported the affiliation request noting that the program was licensed and in good standing.

Action: The motion was made and seconded. The CCCA LHRC approved the request as presented by Mr. Rankin for the programs expansion in services to offer Therapeutic Day Treatment in Rockingham County.

c. Kathleen Toms, *Affiliate: Intercept Youth Svcs-Louisa* announced a new Intercept service program located in Lexington VA and requested affiliation, affirming that the services were identical to those provided in Louisa with policies remaining the same.

Action: The motion was made and seconded. The CCCA LHRC approved the request as presented by Ms. Toms for the program located in Lexington.

General Information from the affiliated programs included:

- a. Kathryn Dickerson-Affiliate: Liberty Point commented that the school was now open and seemed to be going well.
- b. JoAnn Shoemaker, *Affiliate: Family Pres. Sycs.* requested that at the next meeting, the CCCA LHRC consider collapsing other program services into the current affiliation, noting that adult Mental Health Supports were being considered.
- 3. Mark Seymour-DBHDS/Advocate presented the Advocate's Report, beginning with an update from the DBHDS Office of Human Rights/State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) regarding statewide implementation and standardization of LHRCs as of July 1, 2011. He presented the new standardized LHRC Bylaws for review and approval by the CCCA LHRC, commenting that the CCCA LHRC should consider changing the meeting frequency for the upcoming 2012 year and that affiliated programs submit quarterly reports for review by the LHRC, attending only one meeting per year.
 - Action: The motion was made and seconded. The CCCA LHRC approved the SHRC-standardized LHRC Bylaws as presented by Mr. Seymour. Any changes regarding the CCCA LHRC meeting schedule or reporting will be considered for the upcoming 2012 calendar year.
- 4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, highlighting visits by the VA DBHDS State Board and DBHDS-Central Office staff including Deputy Commissioner Olivia Garland, Ph.D and Assist. Commissioner John Pezzoli. He commented that there was State-wide discussion concerning CSA funding and changes associated with legislated mandates. Mr. Tuell reported that the Center had received 680 admissions so far for FY2011, noting the end of the fiscal year as June 30, 2011. He thanked the private providers who were working with the Center on discharge placements to keep services flowing. Mr. Tuell reiterated that CCCA is the "emergency room" for youngsters in acute mental health crisis and that community services are vital to successful discharge planning.
 - Mr. Seymour reminded all present of the required CSB pre-authorization for client services by private providers as of July 1, 2011, which was legislated as a cost-saving measure. Many concerns were discussed regarding services to children and their families and the implementation of the referral process which is yet to be determined.
- 5. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for purposes including but not limited to the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business and/or the discussion or consideration of medical and mental records. Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified n the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.
 - Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted the Annual Reports from Liberty Point, VSDB, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc., and Crossroads Counseling Center.
- 6. A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to and removals from Local Human Rights Committees. Upon reconvening in open session, the CCCA LHRC certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified n the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.
 - Action: The CCCA LHRC recommended that the LHRC application of Jim Strock be considered by the SHRC for reappointment. Mr. Strock's current term expires June 30, 2011.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned.